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ADMISSION TO NEW CALIFORNIA VETERANS HOMES

Application packages for admission to the California Veterans Homes to be constructed in Lancaster, Ventura and West Los Angeles are **not yet available**.

However, beginning July 1, 2007, the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) will accept a **Statement of Intent to Apply** from veterans who intend to apply for admission.

Statement of Intent to Apply forms will be accepted in our Sacramento offices by mail or in person only. We cannot accept Statement of Intent to Apply forms by email or by fax.

CDVA will mail application packages, when they are available, to each veteran who submits a **Statement of Intent to Apply**. We anticipate mailing the Application Packages in late 2007.

You **must** notify our office of any change of address.

You may obtain a **Statement of Intent to Apply** in any of the following ways:

- by phone, at 916-653-2293
- by writing to the California Department of Veterans Affairs, 1227 O Street, Room 324, Sacramento CA 95814
- from a CDVA representative in one of our offices, or
- by printing the statement from our website at: www.cdva.ca.gov

If you are interested in applying to one of our existing veterans homes you should contact the appropriate admissions office.

Yountville 1-800-404-8387 Barstow 1-800-746-0606 Chula Vista 1-888-857-2146

For a description of the Levels of Care to be provided at the new Veterans Homes, see page 2.

If you have any questions about this process, or about the three planned California Veterans Homes, do not hesitate to contact us at 916-653-2293.

LEVELS OF CARE PROVIDED

LANCASTER

Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE)- 60 beds.

Members who are age 62 and older may voluntarily admit themselves to this level of care with verification of their need for supervision with such activities as bathing, dining, and or taking their own medications. These members are also offered assistance with transportation to medical appointments and community activities. Typically, these members are active and mobile, and are encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves within the context of RCFE care.

Adult Day Health Care Program (ADHC) - 50 members.

The ADHC center provides a therapeutic environment designed to restore the veteran's capacity for self-care, and to delay or prevent placement in a Skilled Nursing Facility. To participate in the ADHC program, the veteran must have live-in support of family or friends and must have a plan to graduate from the program to resume an independent lifestyle at home.

VENTURA

Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE) - 60 beds. (See description above)

Adult Day Health Care Program (ADHC) - 50 members. (See description above)

WEST LOS ANGELES

Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE)- 84 beds. (See description above)

Skilled Nursing (SNF)- 252 beds.

Members admitted to this level of care are provided with rehabilitation, recreational, dietary and pharmaceutical services by a team of professionals to enhance or maintain their health and ability to perform every day living activities. The member's physician must prescribe this level of care based upon the member's need for nursing services and for physician access twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

Skilled Nursing-Alzheimer's/Related Dementias- 60 beds.

Members requiring this level of care have very special needs that can be met through special care unit programs within the Skilled Nursing environment. The small more intimate neighborhoods in the Alzheimer's/dementia unit will be by staffed experts who will provide care that is specifically designed for those experiencing these conditions.